

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Three-dimensional catalyst gauzes knitted in two or more layers

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78, and 35 U.S.C. § 119, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified application.

AMENDMENT**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, before the heading **Field of Invention**, please amend the Specification by inserting:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

-- This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional

Application No. 60/268,718, which was filed on February 15, 2001 and is incorporated by reference herein. --

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